

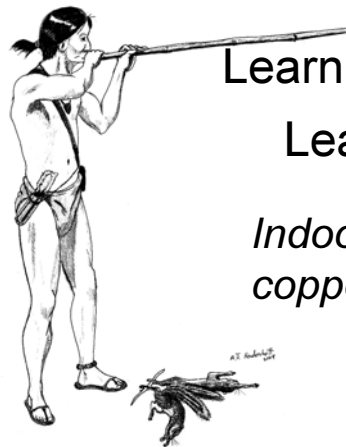
Connecting People with the Land

A day set aside to recognize National Archeology Month and celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day.



Saturday, September 24

10am to 4pm



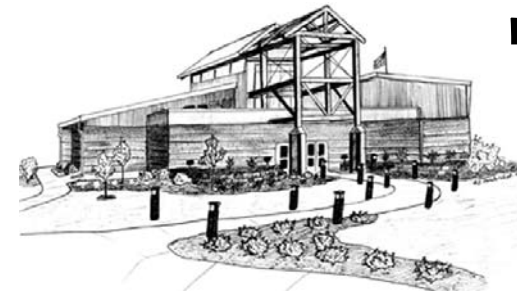
Learn...about outdoor skills of today

Learn...about the Mississippian culture of the past

Indoor and outdoor stations including pottery, weaving, copper embossing, archery, waterfowl hunting, and fishing

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The Newsletter of the **Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus** *Nature Center*

Conservation Campus Begins to Show Results

A seven year old named Robbie smiled revealing a missing baby tooth. This was his fifth trip to the Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus nature center with his grandmother since it opened. He had no signs of getting tired of it either. His grandmother's loving smile assured him this repeat visit was fine with her.

I had the privilege of watching that young man stride between exhibits, around the beehive, to the aquariums, back to the exhibits, to the bird feeders, and over to the exhibits again. I had no doubt he would sign up for a kids' club program at the nature center, and as I watched his unbridled passion, I was reminded of something Aldo Leopold wrote in his forward of *A Sand County Almanac*. "There are some people who can live without wild things and some who cannot. I am one of those who cannot." This young visitor seemed to have the heart of Aldo Leopold. It was a vital thing for me to witness. It was fruit that made all of the planning, design, and construction worthwhile.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus was designed for the people of Southeast Missouri,

young and old alike. Every exhibit, every concept, every feature had the citizen's interest in mind. It took a long time to get to this point. Eight years of hard work by many people with no reward until the public was welcomed in.

But that is what conservation work is all about...working for the future, not the moment.

As I watched seven year old Robbie "educate" his grandmother, I knew that eight years without any immediate gratification was totally worth it. I humbly look forward to more glimpses of the fruit associated with this nature center.

I realize I will not see some of its fruit though. Conservation work takes time and this facility will make an impact well into the future even after I am gone--of that I have not doubt. But for the moment I have the chance to witness outdoor enthusiasts like Robbie.

Thanks Robbie. Your excitement is fuel to another who cannot live without wild things.

- A.J. Hendershott



Come to the Fair!
September 10-17

Visit the Conservation Department's building at the SEMO District Fair and also enjoy the "Show-Me Missouri Fish" mobile aquarium.



Meet the staff... Interpretation

These are the people of the Conservation Campus who inform, interpret, and instruct. Please meet (left to right) Karel Borowiak, Sara Scheper, Amber Glenn, and Jeremy Soucy. These knowledgeable and enthusiastic employees lead programs for babies through adults, teach workshops for youth and adults, answer questions on Missouri's plants and animals, help teachers meet educational objectives through school programming, provide a variety of activities for the "Mudpuppies," "Snappers", and "Racers" group programs, and conduct large public events. When they aren't leading programs, you might find them out on the trail or in the exhibit area ready to answer you questions. Whether you're here for a program or see these folks when you visit, let them know how much you appreciate their hard work providing conservation education to the youth and adults of Southeast Missouri.



Thank You

Donations of Time, Material, and Service

- Grant Gillard:** Bees and his skill and knowledge to establish the "Tupelo Tree" beehive
John Woodall: Antique carbide lantern for use in programs
Verla Karr: Helping plant the hummingbird garden
Dr. Bill Eddleman: Native plants for the grand opening weekend and for the hummingbird garden
David Woodall Family: Completed hummingbird garden walkway
Doug Rose: Swamp rabbit mount
John Lynch: Insect pictures and mounts
Quanita Kane: Deer mount



Arrival of the bees

Those purchasing paving stones for the Conservation Campus walkway: **John R. & Marjory L. Janssen, Dick & Pat Bangert, Allen Horntagger Morris, Krista Kovach, Martha Daniels, Kate Broz and in memory of Linda Dunlap Estes, R. Mark Dunlap, and Richard F. Holkamp**

Educators' Niche Upcoming Workshops!

Nature Journaling for Educators
Thursday, August 11, 8am-7pm
Friday, August 12, 8am-5pm

1 Credit, Southeast Missouri State University. Nature Journaling is a wonderful way to expose students to the outdoors while teaching a variety of subjects. This course provides information on observation and drawing techniques. Activities will cover different subjects that meet the Show-Me Standards and interdisciplinary Grade Level Expectations. Location: Ivey House, Castor River Conservation Area. Food and lodging provided.

Bridget Jackson: 573-290-5858, ext. 300 to register

Endangered Species for Educators
Friday, Sept 23, 8am-5pm
Saturday, Sept 24, 8am-5pm

1 Credit, Southeast Missouri State University. Learn how you can help endangered species...and how they can help you in the classroom! You will learn about Missouri's endangered species and its rich diversity of life. We will examine extinction, endangerment, restoration and the human implications of each through activities and discussion, while meeting Show-Me Standards and interdisciplinary Grade Level Expectations. Participants will receive relevant teaching resources. Location: Ivey House, Castor River Conservation Area. Food and lodging provided.

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The Nature Shop

The Nature Shop features a variety of nature-related books, videos/DVDs, and resources to increase awareness and knowledge of conservation and the outdoors.

Special monthly discounts ... **20% Off**
(Conservation Heritage Card discounts do not apply)

AUGUST

Singing Insects of Missouri

Crickets, katydids, grasshoppers, and cicadas create the sounds of summer. This CD and poster set will help you identify 20 common species of Missouri's "singing insects." The CD features songs and natural history information for each species.



Discounted price:
\$6.40 plus tax

SEPTEMBER

Conservation Trails Guide

This book highlights trails on conservation areas throughout the state. This newest edition features trail map and facility information of 85 trails on 40 of our Conservation Areas. This handy guide includes easy-to-use maps, trail length and difficulty, points of interest, and plants and animals you may encounter along the way.



Discounted price: \$4.00 plus tax

Special Resources for Teachers and Youth Leaders

Come visit the Educator Resource Room - designed with teachers in mind. Peruse curriculum, activities, posters, Discovery Trunks, and more. Ask at the front desk. Call ahead to meet with Conservation Education Consultant, Bridget Jackson. She can assist with developing curriculum and establishing outdoor classrooms, as well as offer in-services and workshops.

Educator Open House Wednesday, August 3, 10am-4pm

This is your invitation to become familiar with the great curriculum resources available to teachers and youth leaders at the nature center. Look through curriculum and the Discovery Trunks, learn about outdoor classrooms and workshop opportunities, and meet the Conservation Education Consultants for your area. No registration required.

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Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus Nature Center is located in North Cape Girardeau County Park off Kingshighway just east of Interstate 55 at exit 99. The building is open Tuesday through Saturday 8am to 5pm and Sunday noon to 5pm and is closed Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The area is open daily from sunrise to 10pm in accordance with the Cape Girardeau County Park Rules and Regulations.

Nature center grounds and trails are closed to pets, horses, hunting, collecting, littering, fires, and alcoholic beverages. The trails are also closed to bicycles, jogging, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, and motorized vehicles.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus Nature Center is operated through hunting and fishing license revenues and through the 1/8% "Design for Conservation" sales tax. There is no admission charge.

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